WHAT ARE PRESCHOOL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS?

Preschool Development Grants support states to (1) build or enhance their infrastructure to provide high-quality preschool programs, and (2) expand high-quality preschool programs in high-need communities. These States will serve as models for expanding preschool to all 4-year-olds from low- and moderate-income families.

Preschool Development Grantees plan to:

• Create or expand high-quality preschool programs in high-need communities;
• Implement state-level infrastructure and quality improvements;
• Collaborate with selected programs and ensure strong partnerships between school districts and other early learning providers;
• Align preschool programs within a birth-through-third-grade continuum of services; and
• Create sustainable programs by coordinating existing early learning funds.

There are two types of Preschool Development Grants:

Development Grants are designed for states that currently serve less than 10 percent of four-year-olds and have not received a Race to the Top – Early Learning Challenge (RTT-ELC) grant.

States with Development Grants have ambitious and achievable plans to implement and sustain high-quality preschool programs that can reach and serve additional eligible children in one or more high-need communities.

Up to 35 percent of the Development Grant award may be used for state-level infrastructure and quality improvements.

Expansion Grants are for states that currently serve 10 percent or more of four-year-olds or have received a Race to the Top – Early Learning Challenge (RTT-ELC) grant.

States with Expansion Grants have ambitious and achievable plans to implement and sustain high-quality preschool programs that can reach and serve additional eligible children in two or more high-need communities.

Up to 5 percent of the Expansion Grant award may be used for state-level infrastructure and quality improvements.
Preschool Development Grant Program is a discretionary grant program that is jointly administered by the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.